

## Awestruck by (current) shining night sky

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I awoke at 1:30 Friday morning. Maybe the heater cycled on, but I was struck by how dark it was. Perhaps we're getting some snow I thought, so I went to my window and was awestruck by the myriad of stars shining over dark Stratton and Glebe mountains. Guess the moon was a late riser but I was quite happy the ridges weren't exploited by dozens of flashing red beacons.

When one realizes that less than three percent of our electric energy comes from petroleum ([www.antimatterenergy.com/usaee.htm](http://www.antimatterenergy.com/usaee.htm)) you can see the futility of wind machines lessening our demand for oil. That's 3,800 billion Kilowatt hours total, of which 109 billion Kwhrs. come from various petroleum sources in 2000 figures.

Indeed to acquire all of just Vermont's power (4,716,228 megawatt hrs) from windmills would require thousands of them! Thankfully an informed electorate is telling our powers that be to look elsewhere for answers to our electrical needs.

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